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THERE IS A MAN. AND IF YOU CAN FIND HIM, AND IF HE BELIEVES IN YOUR PLIGHT, HE AND HIS TEAM WILL DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
SOME CALL THEM OUTLAWS, REBELS, ROBIN HOODS. TO MANY, THEY ARE HEROES. NO POWERS TO SPEAK OF, JUST SKILLS, SMARTS AND THE
DRIVE TO PUT THINGS RIGHT.

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CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS TAKEN OVER THE COUNTRY FOR HYDRA, AND HIS RULE IS BRUTAL AND ABSOLUTE. AMONG HIS VICTIMS ARE THE FARMERS OF THE AMERICAN MIDWEST, WHO STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE WHILE HYDRA BLEEDS THEIR FOOD SUPPLIES DRY.

THEIR ONLY HOPE IS A SMALL BAND OF RESISTANCE FIGHTERS LED BY TILDA, RED WOLF, WHEELS AND THE FIREHEART COUSINS--WHO ARE WORKING WITH HAWKEYE'S UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE FOOD SUPPLY. BUT FIRST, THEY HAVE TO GET TO ONE OF NICK FURY'S OLD BUNKERS IN SOUTH DAKOTA TO RENDEZVOUS WITH MORE ALLIES AND LOAD UP ON MUNITIONS. AND HYDRA ISN'T GOING TO MAKE THAT EASY...



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RECENTLY...

YOU'RE JUST...LEAVING THE TEAM?!

A MAN MUST FOLLOW THE PATH OF HIS CONSCIENCE.

FACE IT, WE WERE NEVER A TEAM IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THE END...

...IT NEVER COMES THE WAY WE THINK IT WILL.

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...IT'S JUST...

...I DON'T KNOW.

CLINT, WE NEED TO GO.

IF THIS IS AS BAD AS IT SEEMS--AND IT SEEMS PRETTY BAD--WE'RE GOING TO NEED HELP.

THE END HAS NO CONCERN FOR THE BEGINNING.

THE END COMES AS IT PLEASES.

SO WE'RE SUPPOSED TO JUST WAIT AROUND UNTIL YOU ASK US TO HELP SAVE THE WORLD?

NO. I'VE GOT A PLAN-- A MISSION FOR YOU GUYS.

BUT THAT THING YOU JUST SAID, TILDA...

...ABOUT US NOT BEING A TEAM?

WE'RE MORE THAN THAT. WE'RE...YOU KNOW...A FAMILY.

AND WITH OR WITHOUT ME--YOU, WHEELS AND RED WOLF ARE A HELLUYA TEAM.

THE END DOES WHAT IT MUST, AND TAKES WHAT IT NEEDS.

NORTHERN
NEBRASKA.
NOW.

IF I'D
KNOWN BEING
ONE OF THE GOOD
GUYS WAS THIS
MUCH FUN...

...I'D HAVE
SWITCHED SIDES
A LONG TIME
AGO!

I'D HARDLY
CALL THIS FUN,
NIGHTHAWK!

WHAT'S NOT
TO CALL FUN?!

WE ARE
OUTNUMBERED AND
OUTGUNNED!

WE'LL BE LUCKY
IF OUR DEATHS ARE
QUICK AND PAINLESS!

BLABLAAST

COME ON,
WOLF--LIKE YOU
HAVE SOMETHING
BETTER TO DO ON
A...WHAT DAY IS
THIS?

SUNDAY.
I THINK.

TODAY
IS THE DAY YOU
DIE!

YOU'RE
ALREADY
KILLING ME WITH
YOUR TERRIBLE
SENSE OF
FASHION.

THAT'S IT--PISS
THEM OFF SOME
MORE.

ASK ME
IF I CARE,
WHEELS.

KISS
YOUR ASS
GOODBYE!

UH,
BRUNO...

WHAT?

UH...
YEAH...



TARANTULA.

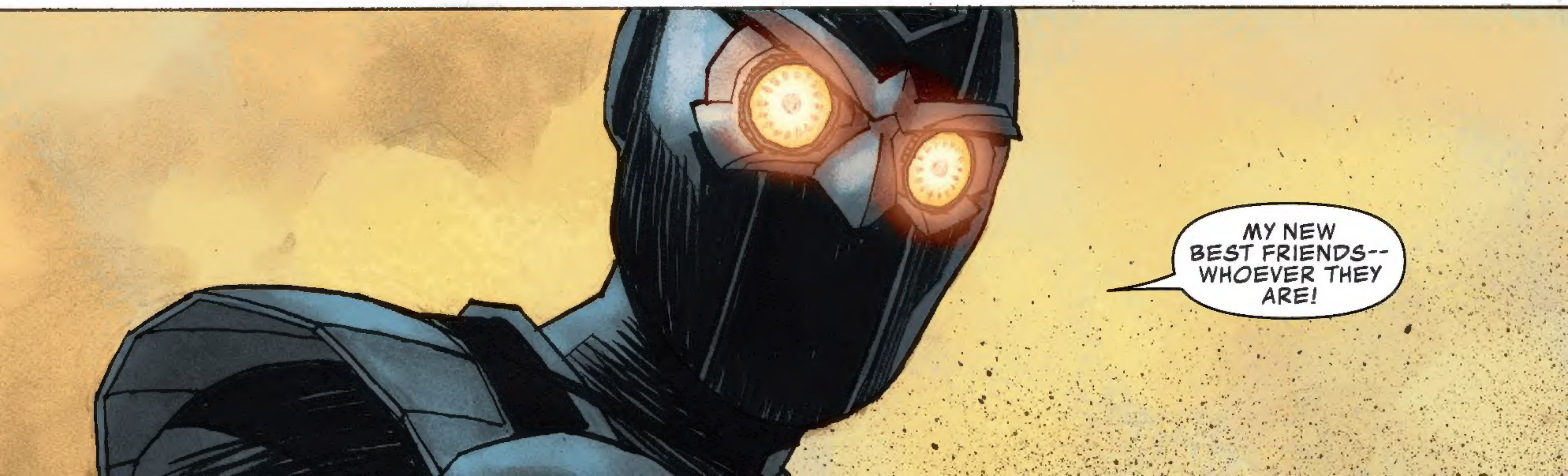
CHALLENGER.

EL TORO.

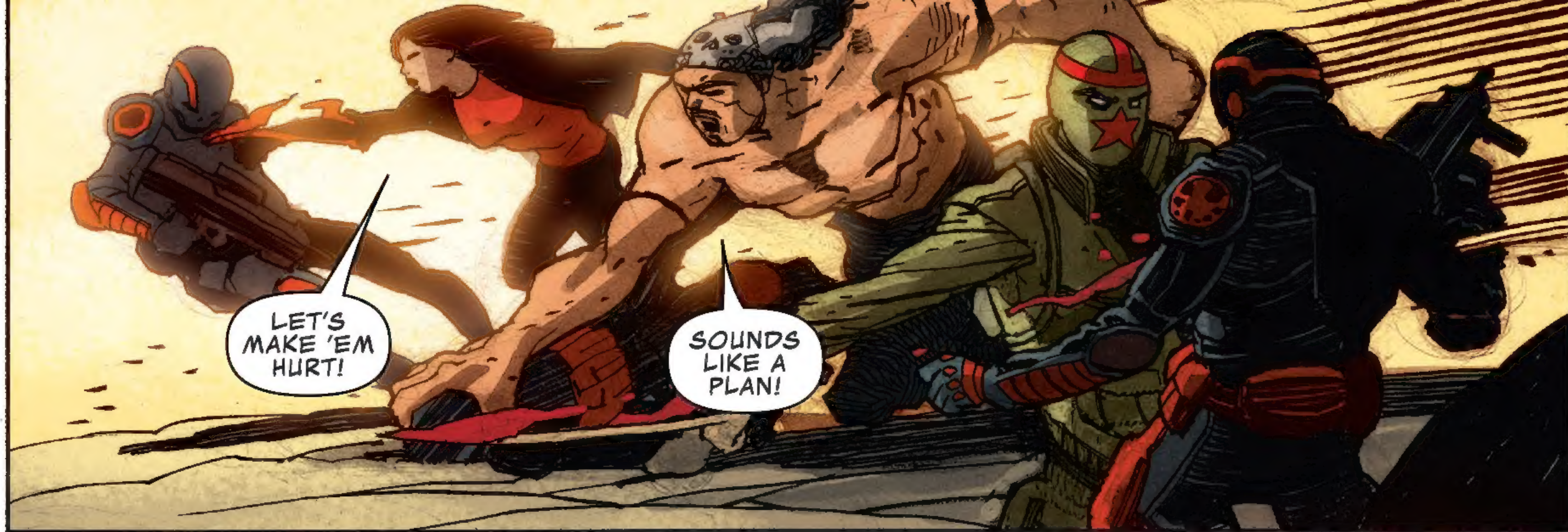
...I THINK WE HAVE A PROBLEM.



WHO THE HELL ARE THOSE GUYS?!



MY NEW BEST FRIENDS-- WHOEVER THEY ARE!



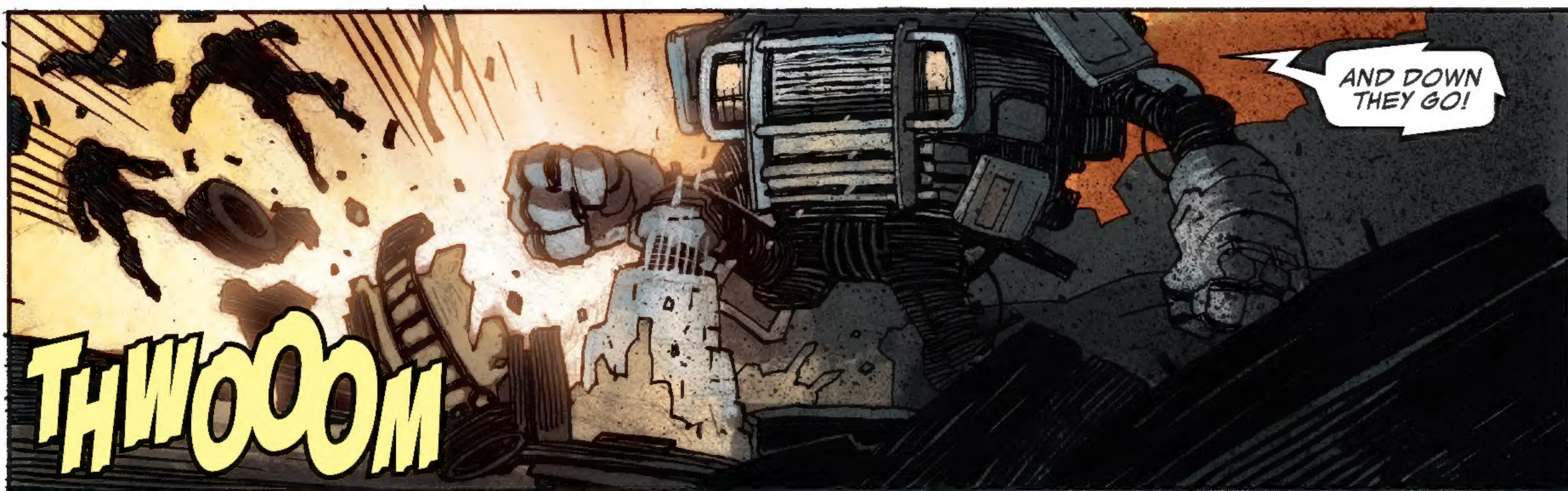
LET'S
MAKE 'EM
HURT!

SOUNDS
LIKE A
PLAN!



WE MAY
ACTUALLY GET OUT
OF THIS ALIVE!

ONE CAN
HOPE!



AND DOWN
THEY GO!

THWOOOM



TOLD YOU
WE COULD
TAKE THESE
CLOWNS.

AND
WHO ARE
YOU?

HEY.
HAWKEYE SENT
US...

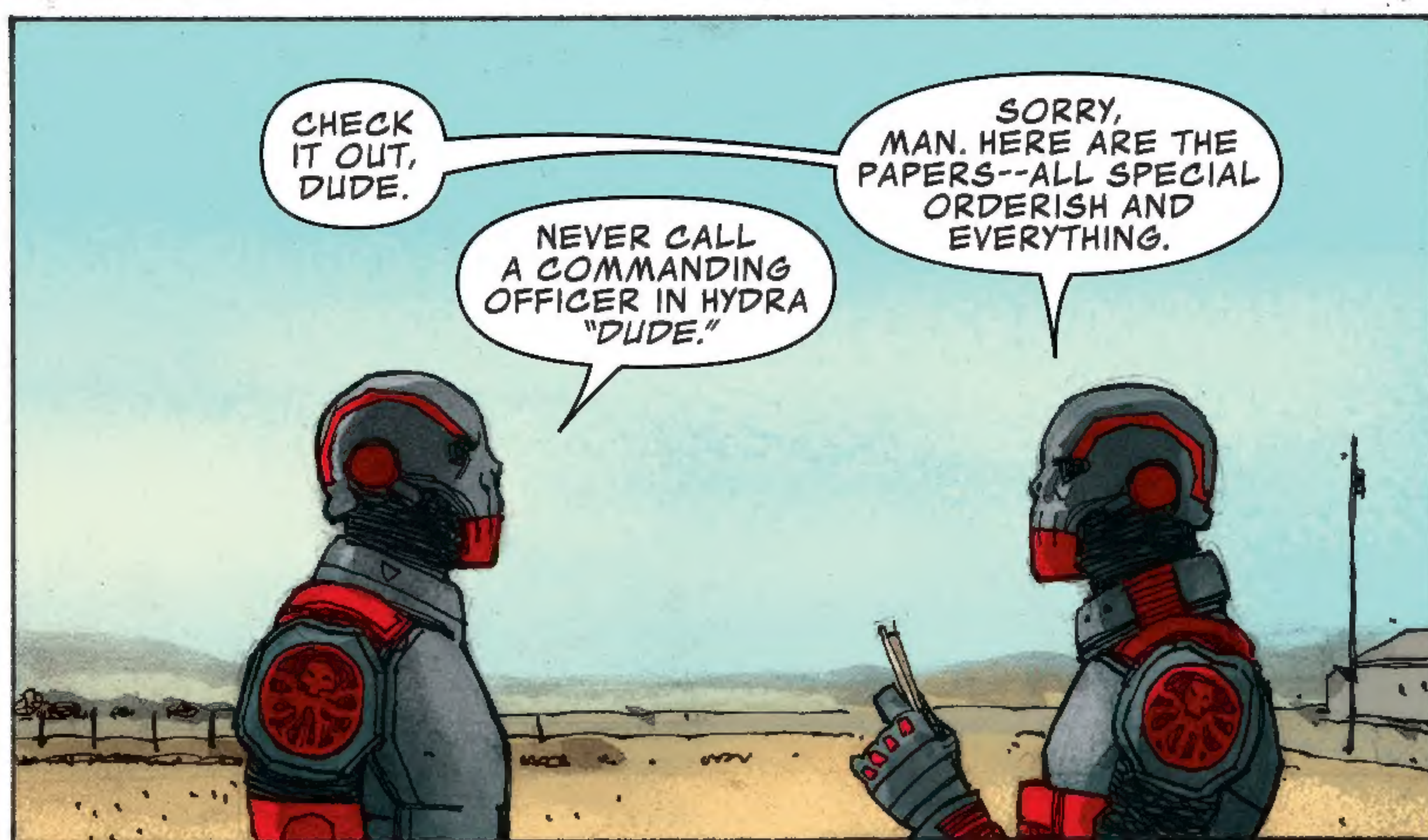
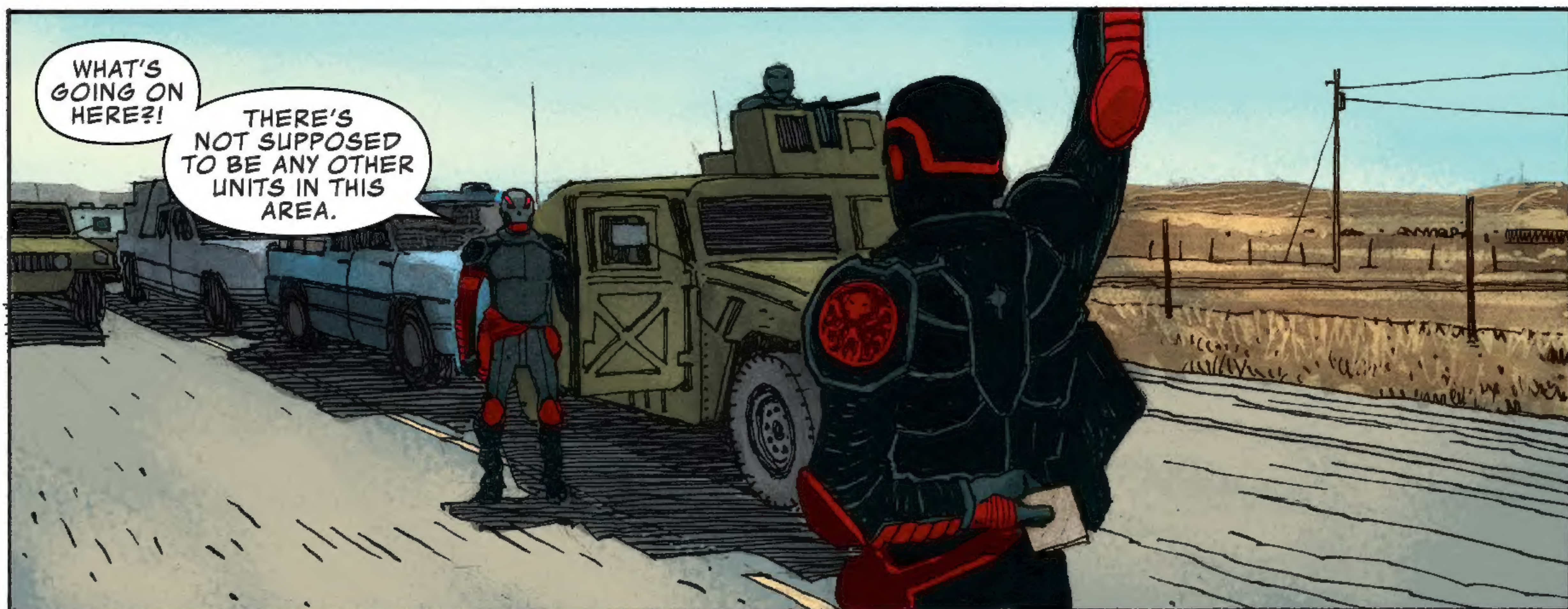


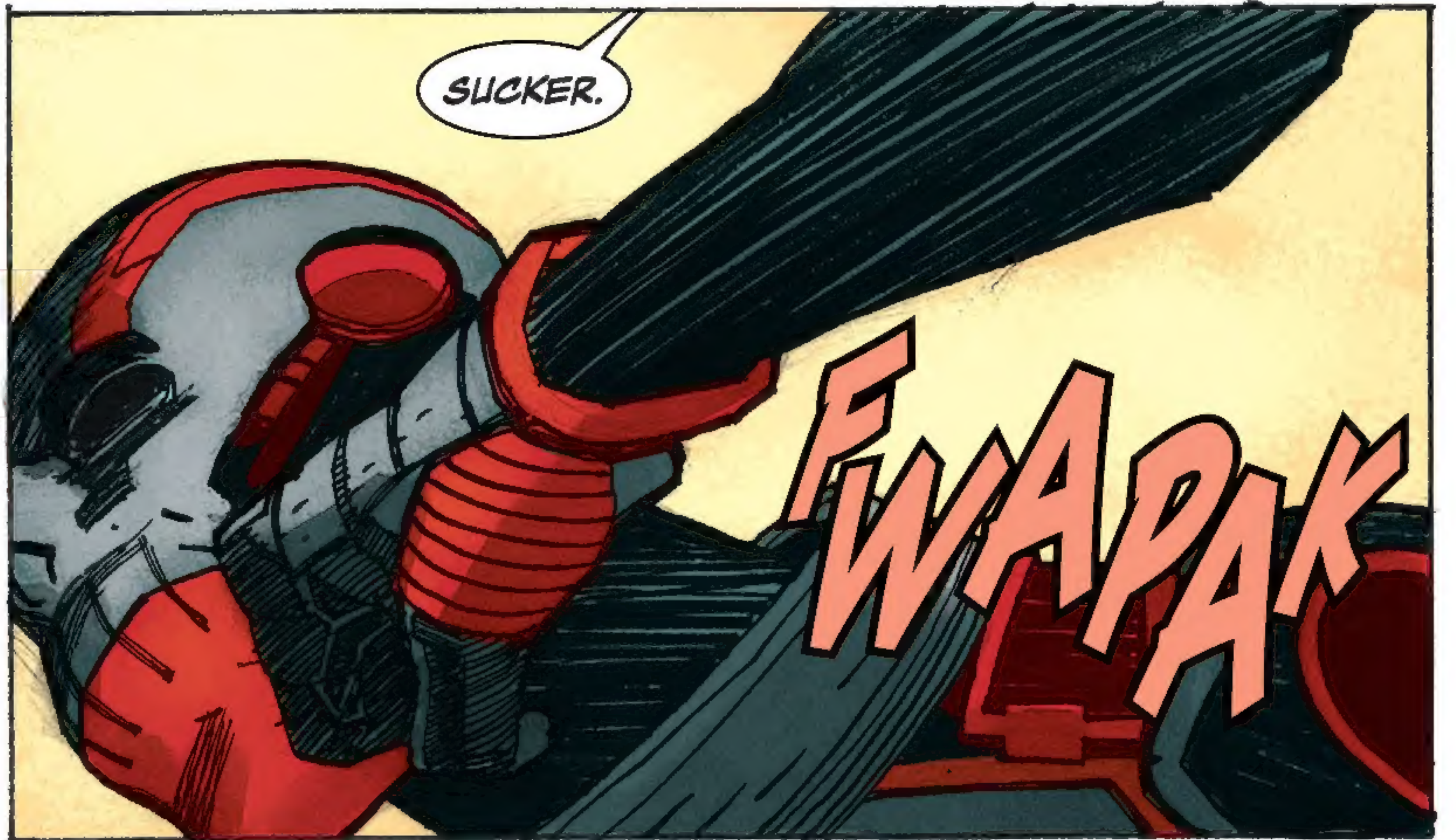
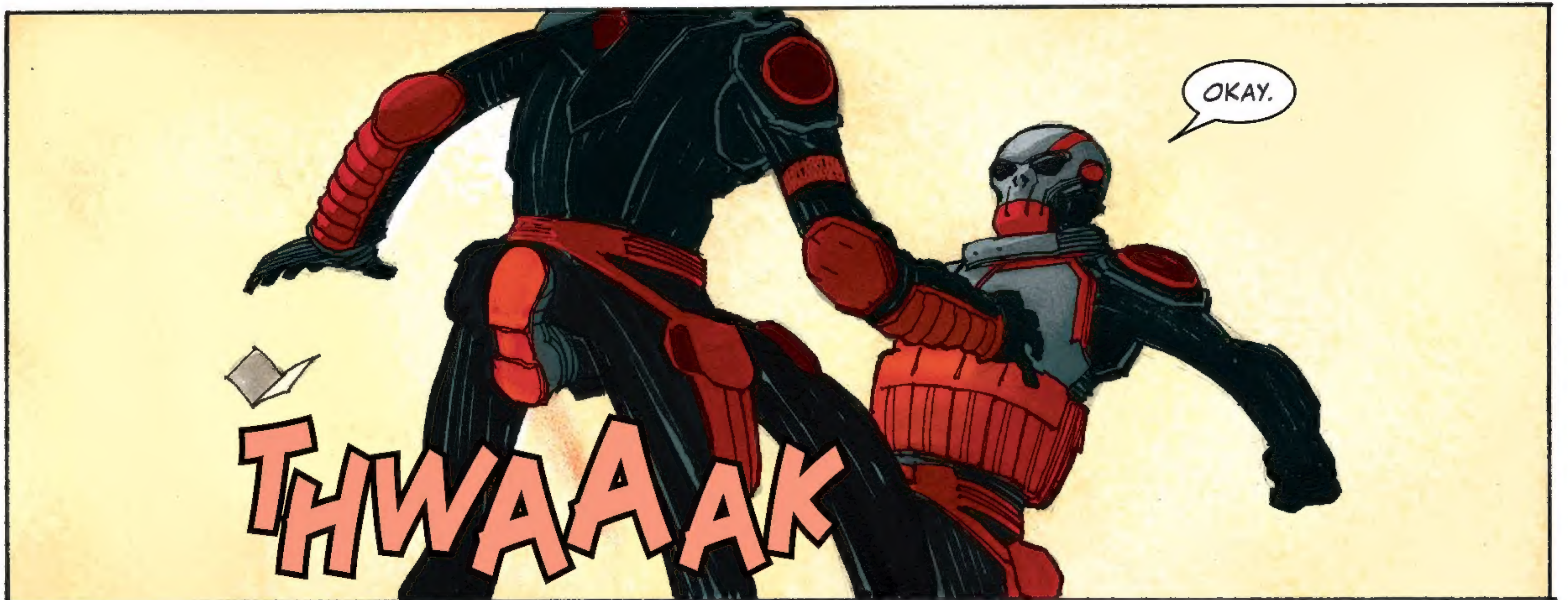
...HE GOT WORD YOU'D
BEEN TARGETED AND
REACHED OUT TO
US.

WE'RE WITH THE
UNDERGROUND.

TIME TO
GET MOVING--
WON'T BE LONG
BEFORE HYDRA
SENDS IN
BACKUP.

GLENROCK,
WYOMING.







OKAY, EVERYONE, IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT'S HAPPENING...

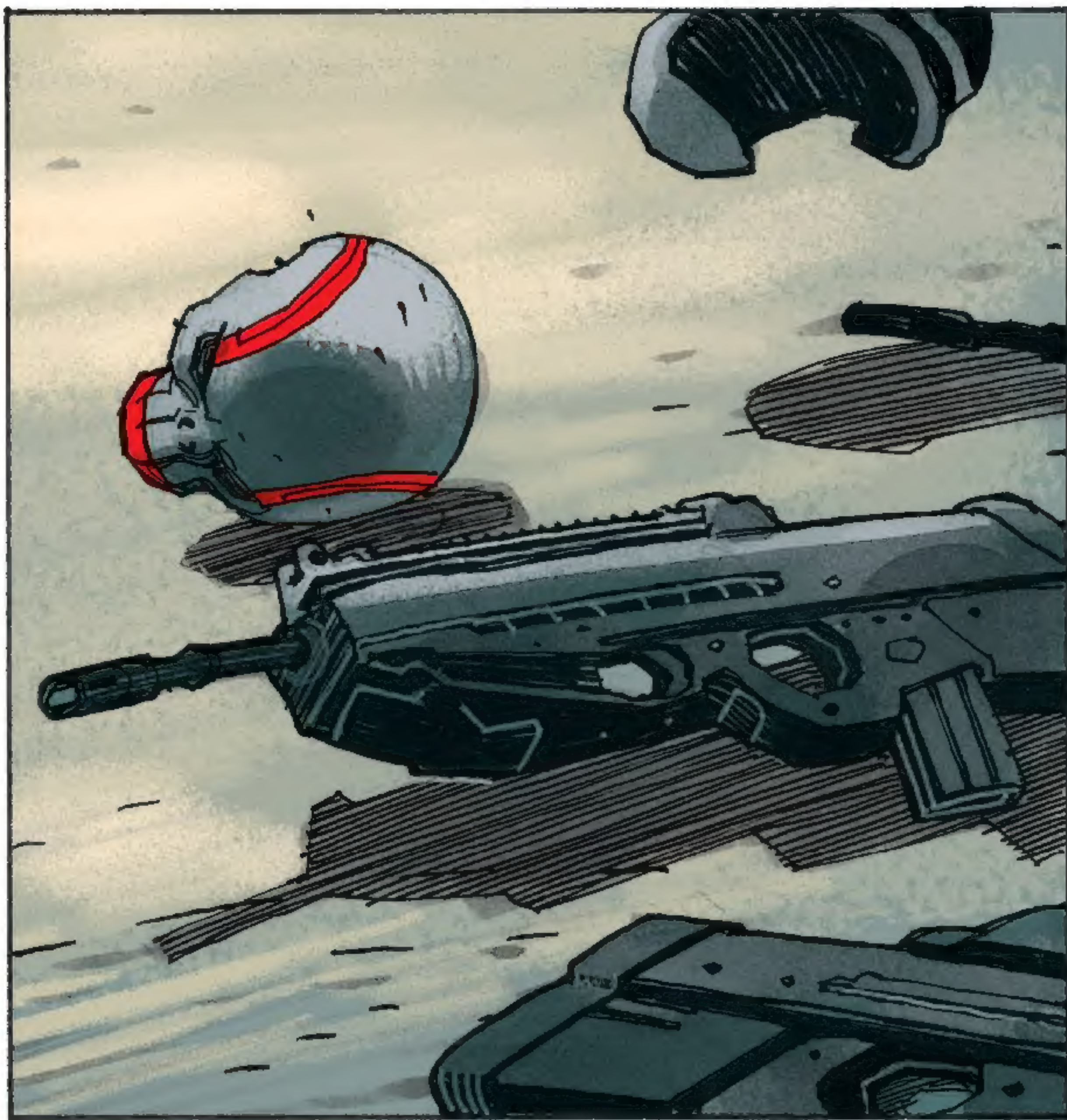
THIS IS A STICKUP!

SO LIKE THE SONG SAYS...



...NOBODY MOVE, NOBODY GET HURT!

HAND OVER THE WEAPONS, AND TAKE OFF YOUR UNIFORMS.



SOMEONE WANNA TELL US WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

WHO ARE YOU GUYS?



WE'RE STILL FIGURING OUT A NAME FOR OUR TEAM--CAN'T DECIDE BETWEEN THE RED CLOUD RAIDERS AND THE CRAZY HORSE POSSE.

MY COUSIN THINKS WE SHOULD CALL OURSELVES THE ABORIGINAL AVENGERS.

WHATTA YOU THINK?



ARE YOU PEOPLE CRAZY?



THE MOUNT.

...DESPITE
MY REPUTATION FOR...
IMPROVISATION IN THE
FACE OF CERTAIN DOOM,
I ACTUALLY KNOW
WHAT I'M DOING.

I CAN
GATHER
INFORMATION
AND MAKE PLANS
ACCORDINGLY--
THAT'S WHAT A
LEADER
DOES.

WHICH IS
WHY, IF I ASK YOU
"WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO
REPORT?"--YOUR ANSWER
DAMN WELL BETTER
BE MORE THAN "I
DON'T KNOW,"
SPIDER-MAN.

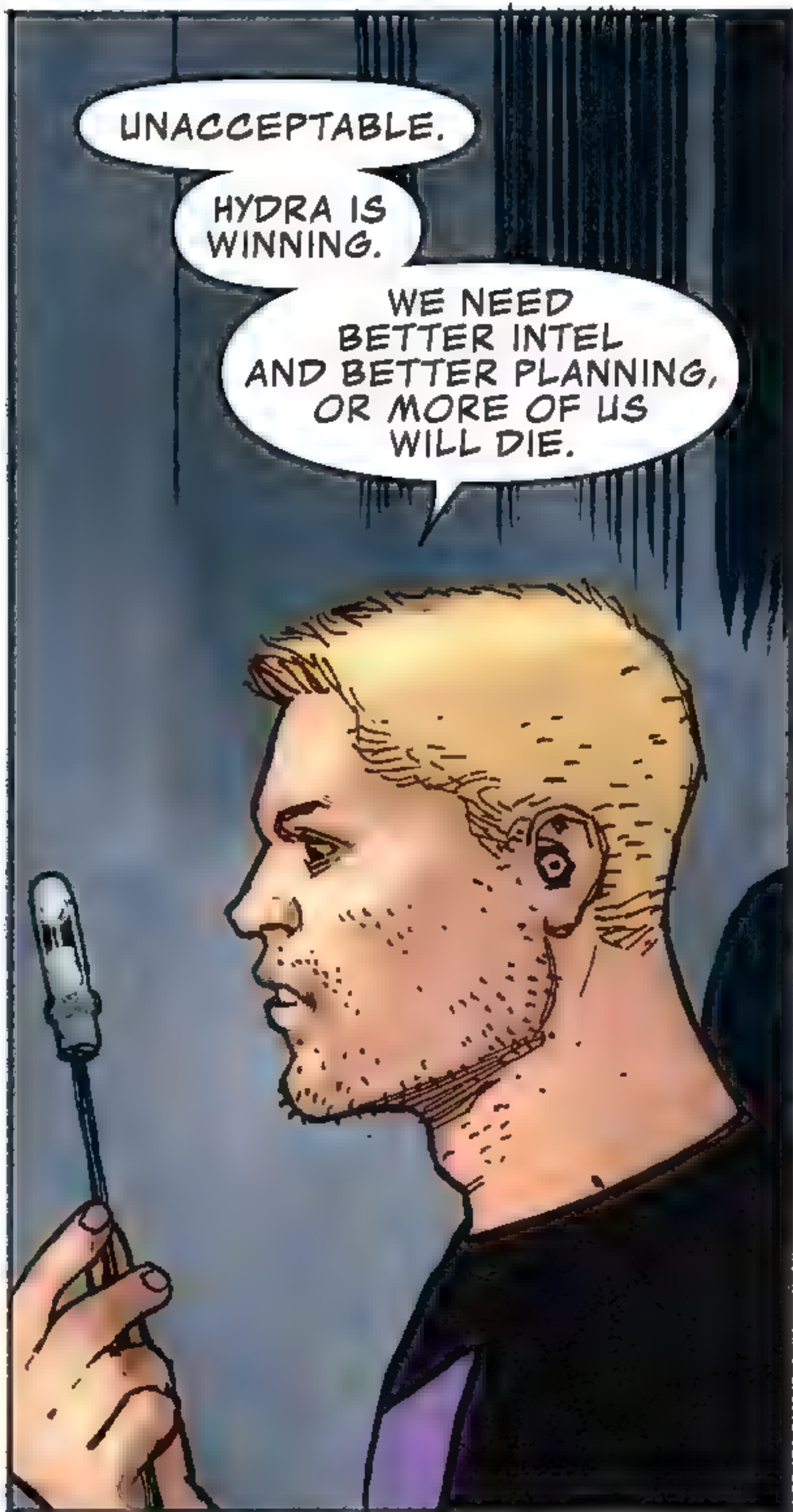
WE JUST
HAVE DIFFERENT
WAYS OF DOING
THINGS.



UNACCEPTABLE.

HYDRA IS
WINNING.

WE NEED
BETTER INTEL
AND BETTER PLANNING,
OR MORE OF US
WILL DIE.



BETTER
INTEL AND
BETTER PLANNING--
LIKE YOU HAD WHEN
YOU KILLED BRUCE
BANNER?



WHAT
HAPPENED
BETWEEN ME AND
BRUCE IS NONE OF
YOUR DAMN
BUSINESS,
AMADEUS.

YOU MIGHT
BE A GENIUS,
BUT THAT DOESN'T
MEAN YOU KNOW
EVERYTHING.

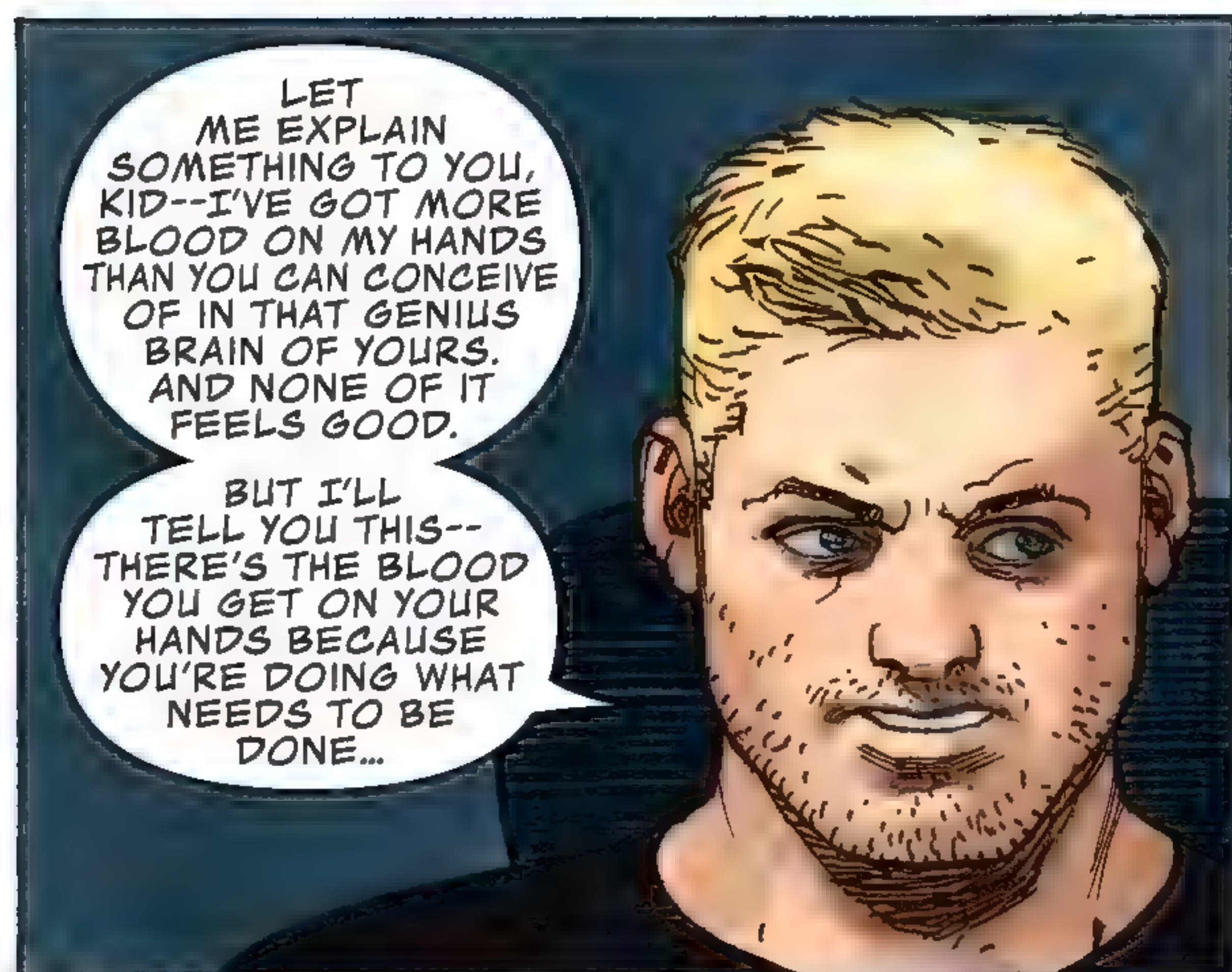




PLEASE, MR. BARTON, HE DIDN'T MEAN--

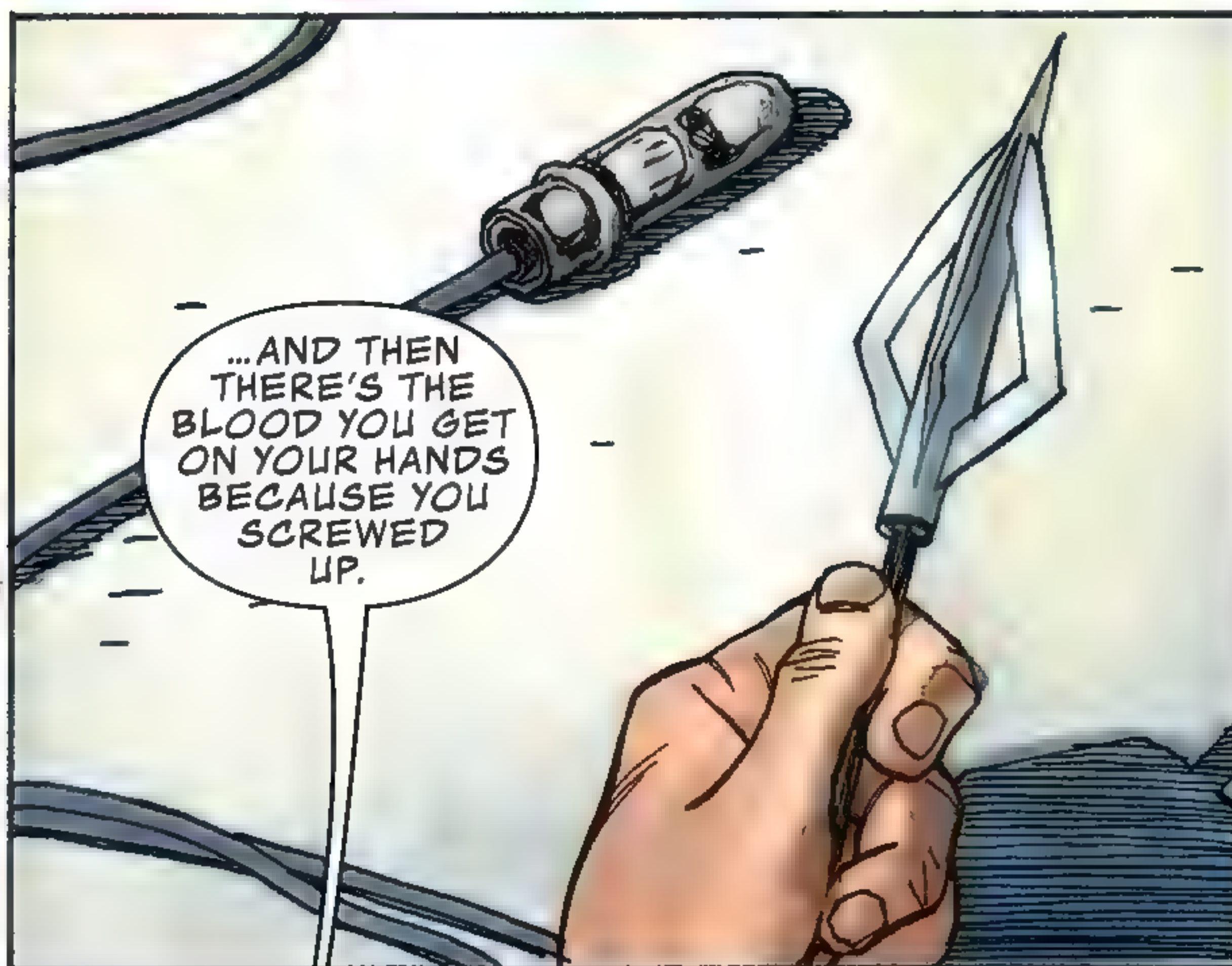
DON'T SPEAK FOR ME, SPIDEY. I MEANT WHAT I SAID. HE KILLED BRUCE BANNER--IN COLD BLOOD.

PERHAPS NOW IS NOT THE--



LET ME EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO YOU, KID--I'VE GOT MORE BLOOD ON MY HANDS THAN YOU CAN CONCEIVE OF IN THAT GENIUS BRAIN OF YOURS. AND NONE OF IT FEELS GOOD.

BUT I'LL TELL YOU THIS--THERE'S THE BLOOD YOU GET ON YOUR HANDS BECAUSE YOU'RE DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE...

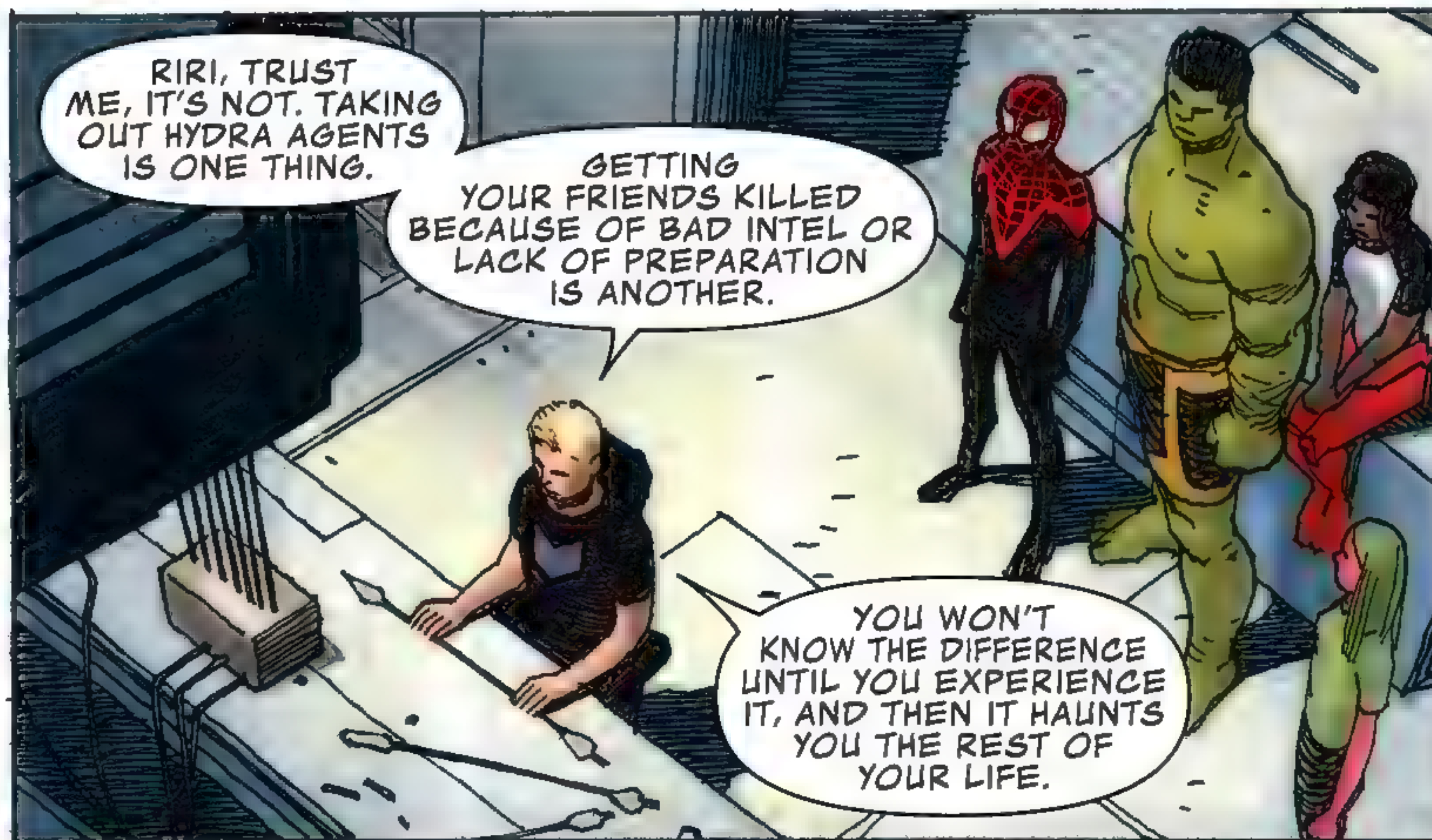


...AND THEN THERE'S THE BLOOD YOU GET ON YOUR HANDS BECAUSE YOU SCREWED UP.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

NEITHER DO I. BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS IS...WELL... BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS.



RIRI, TRUST ME, IT'S NOT. TAKING OUT HYDRA AGENTS IS ONE THING.

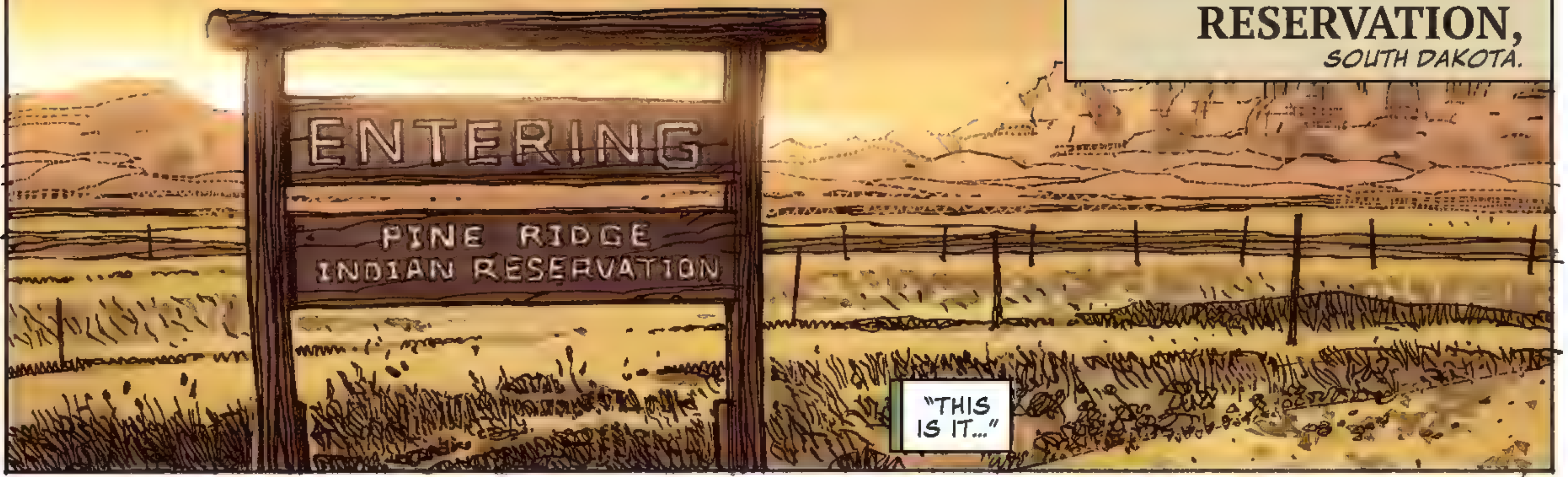
GETTING YOUR FRIENDS KILLED BECAUSE OF BAD INTEL OR LACK OF PREPARATION IS ANOTHER.

YOU WON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE UNTIL YOU EXPERIENCE IT, AND THEN IT HAUNTS YOU THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.



NOW, GO GET ME THE INFORMATION WE NEED TO DESTROY HYDRA WITHOUT GETTING ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS OR MY FRIENDS KILLED IN THE PROCESS.

PINE RIDGE INDIAN
RESERVATION,
SOUTH DAKOTA.



"THIS
IS IT..."



...WELCOME TO THE
UNDERGROUND.

IT'S NOT
MUCH TO LOOK
AT, BUT IT GROWS
ON YOU.

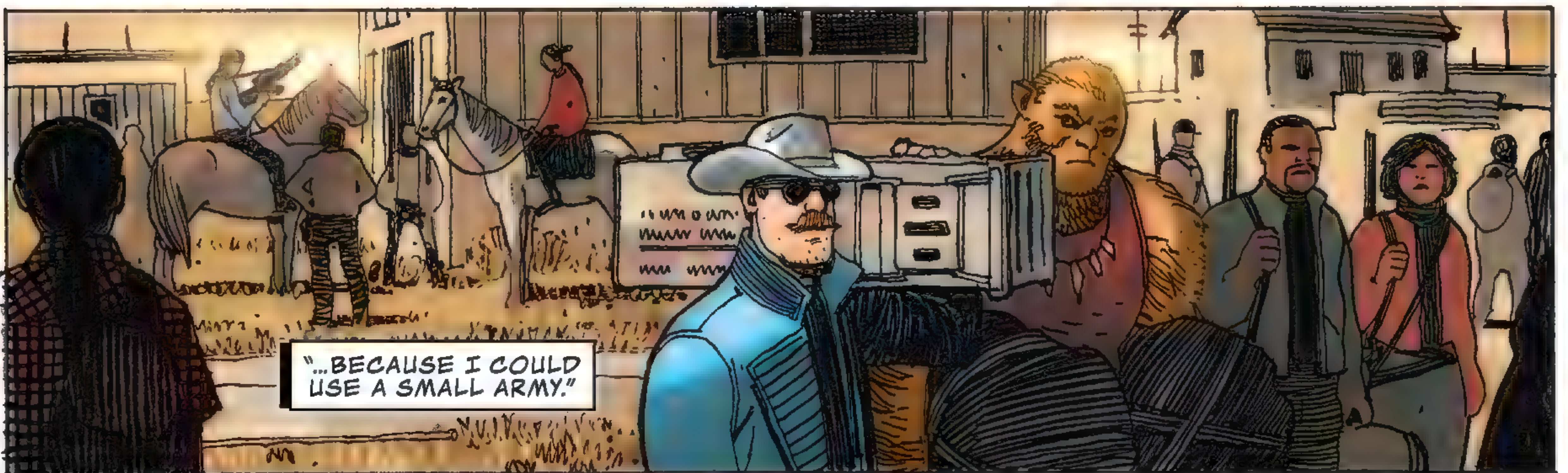
I DON'T
KNOW...



...IT HAS
A CERTAIN
CHARM.

THEY'RE
ALL WILLING
TO FIGHT.

GOOD...



"...BECAUSE I COULD
USE A SMALL ARMY."

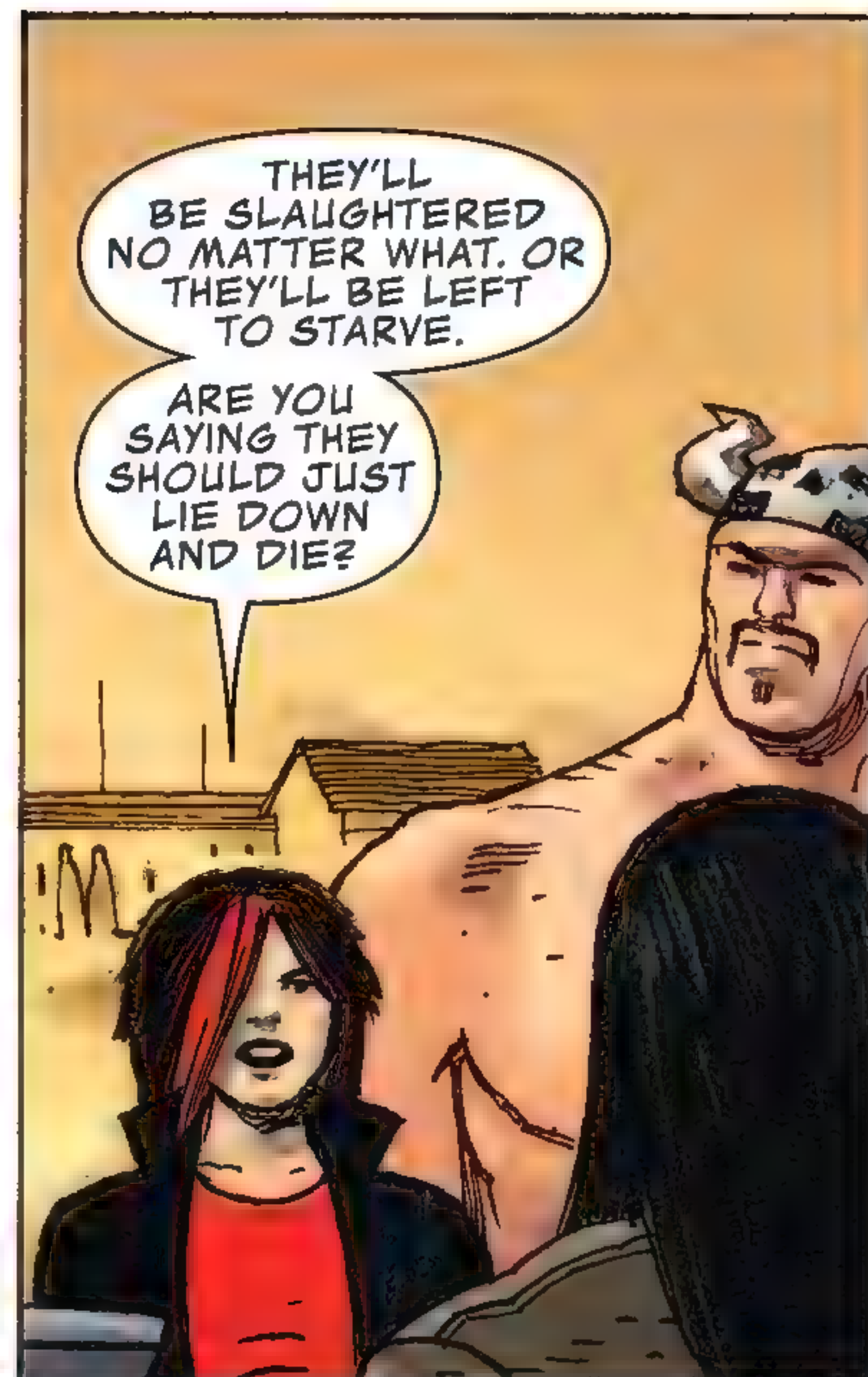


TILDA,
THIS IS **NOT** AN
ARMY.

I'M
NOT HERE TO
ARGUE.



GOTTA AGREE
WITH WOLF--THESE
PEOPLE WILL GET
SLAUGHTERED IF THEY
GO UP AGAINST
HYDRA.



THEY'LL
BE **SLAUGHTERED**
NO MATTER WHAT. OR
THEY'LL BE LEFT
TO STARVE.

ARE YOU
SAYING THEY
SHOULD JUST
LIE DOWN
AND DIE?



I'M
WITH YOU,
SISTER.

WE'RE ALL
GOING TO DIE
SOMEDAY--THE LEAST
WE CAN DO IS MAKE
SURE HYDRA HAS TO
WORK FOR IT.



I BEG YOU,
DO NOT DRAG
THESE INNOCENT
PEOPLE TO THEIR
DEATHS.

DON'T
BEG. IT'S NOT
SEXY.

AS FOR DRAGGING
INNOCENT PEOPLE TO
THEIR DEATHS...

...I'M **LEADING**
THEM TO DEATHS
WITH **MEANING**. THAT
MIGHT BE ALL ANY OF
US CAN HOPE FOR
THESE DAYS.

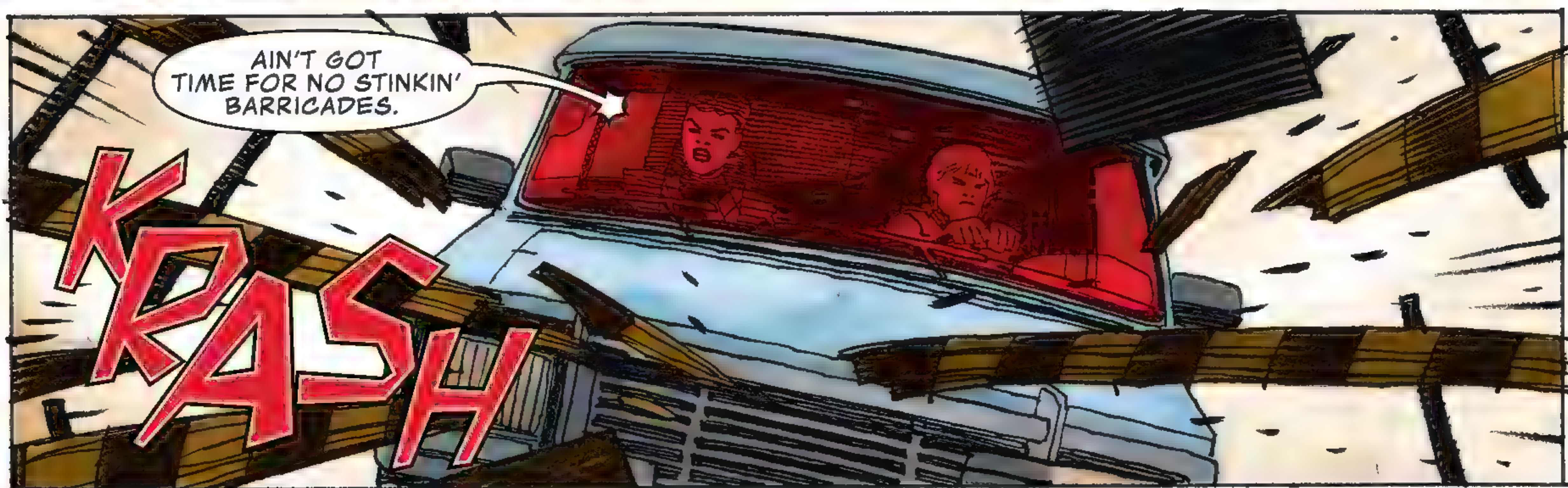
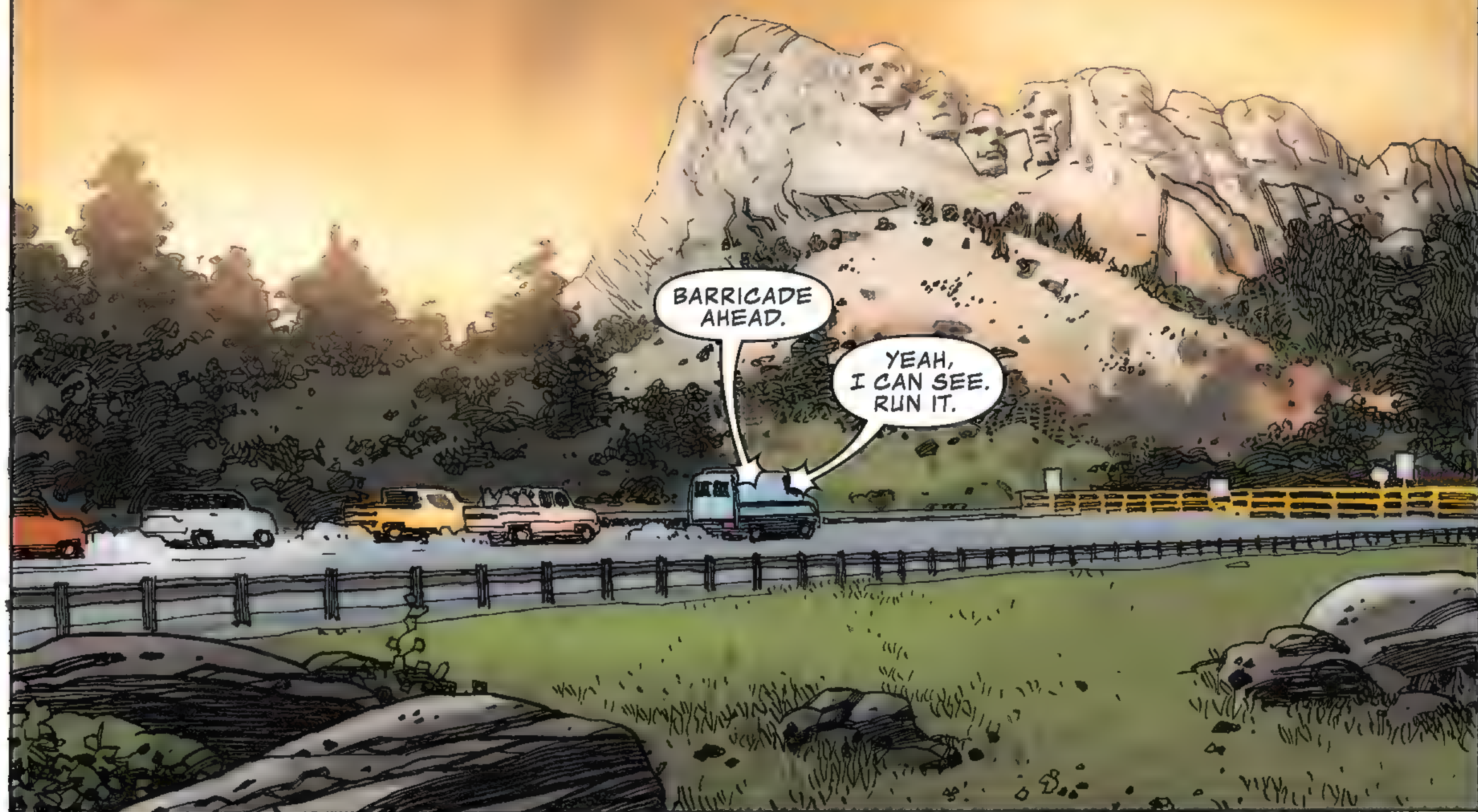


EVERYONE,
LISTEN TO
ME!

THERE'S A
HIDDEN CACHE OF
WEAPONS NOT FAR
FROM HERE--ENOUGH TO
MAKE HYDRA BLEED A
LITTLE BEFORE WE
ALL DIE.

ANYONE
INTERESTED IN
SENDING AS MANY OF
THOSE BASTARDS TO HELL
AS POSSIBLE...WELL...I'M
ROLLING OUT OF HERE
IN ABOUT THREE
MINUTES.

LATER...





"THERE MIGHT BE A LOT OF THEM."

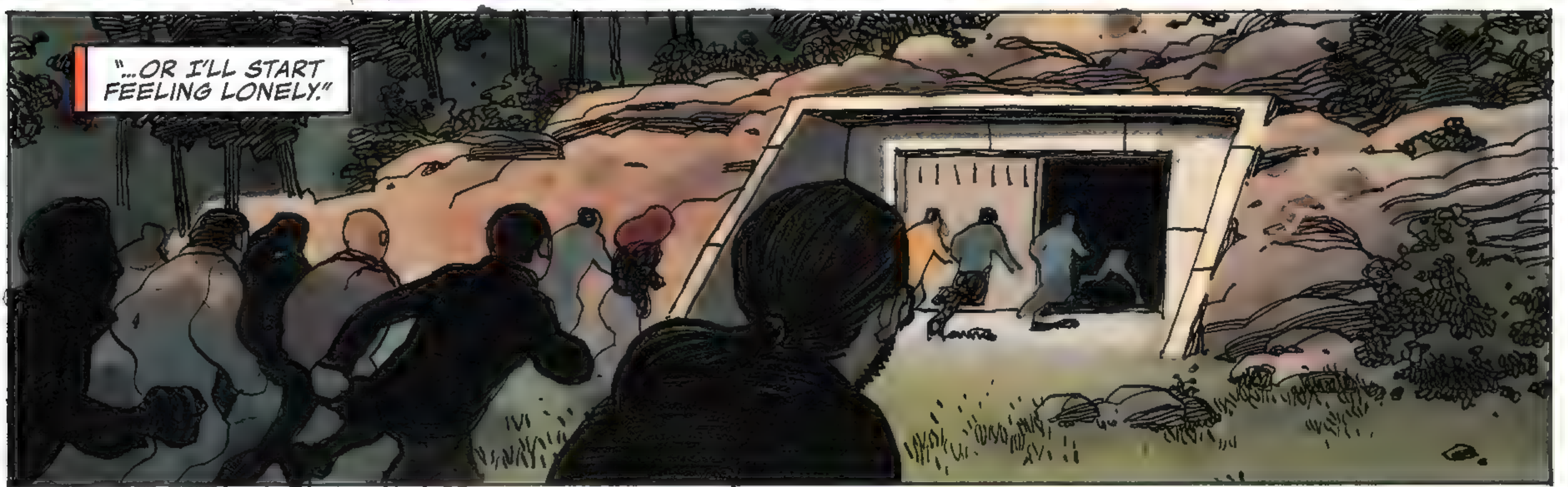


I'M POSITIVE...

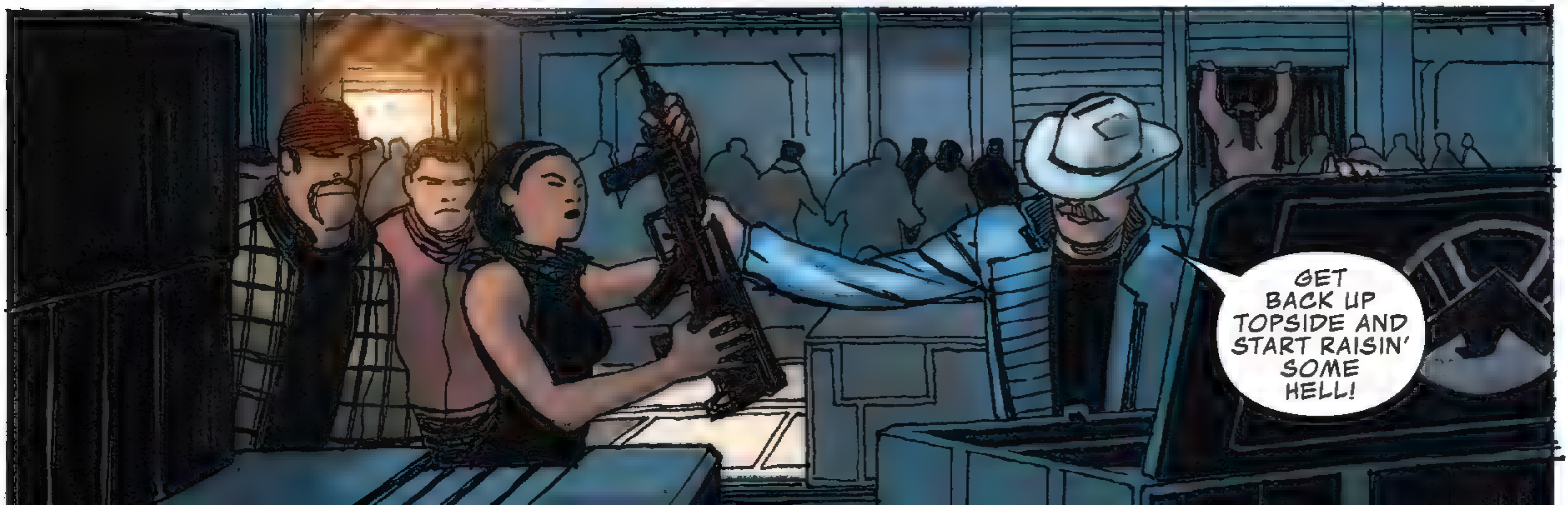
...GET EVERYONE INSIDE. GET THE WEAPONS. COME BACK OUT AND HELP ME TAKE ON THE BAD GUYS.

YOU'D BETTER BE...

WE WILL BE AS QUICK AS WE CAN.



"...OR I'LL START FEELING LONELY."

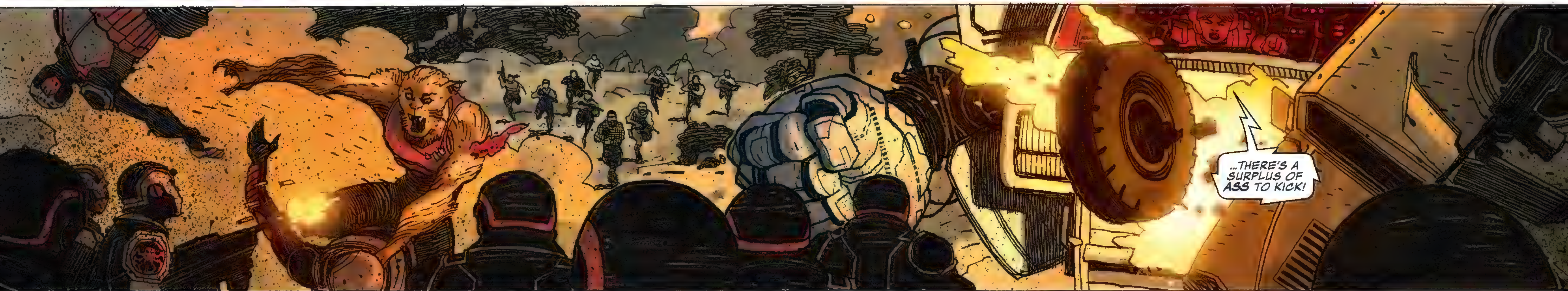


GET BACK UP TOPSIDE AND START RAISIN' SOME HELL!

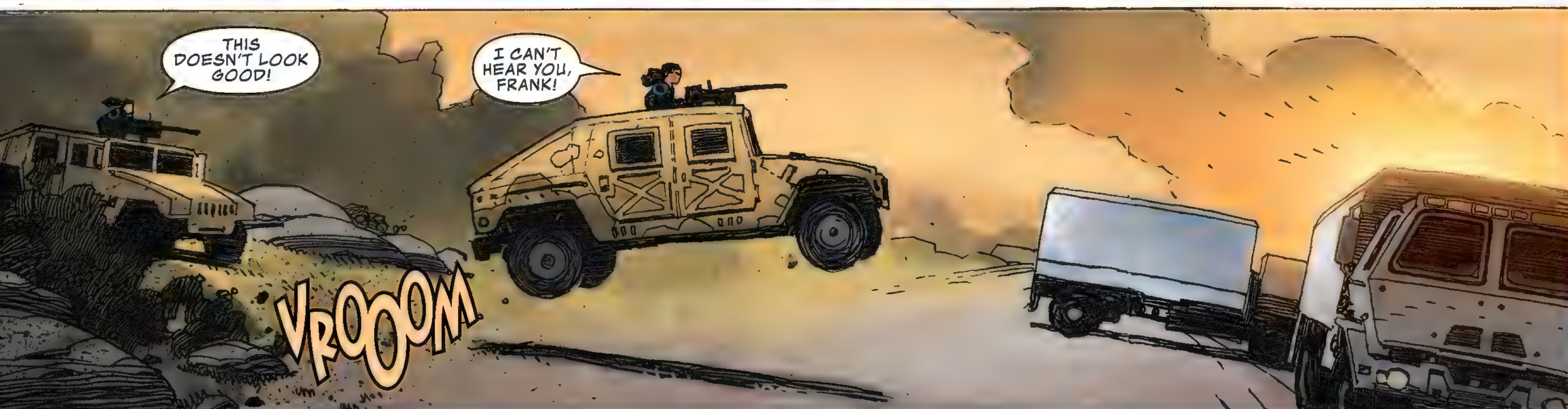


THIS WAY!

C'MON
AND JOIN THE
PARTY...



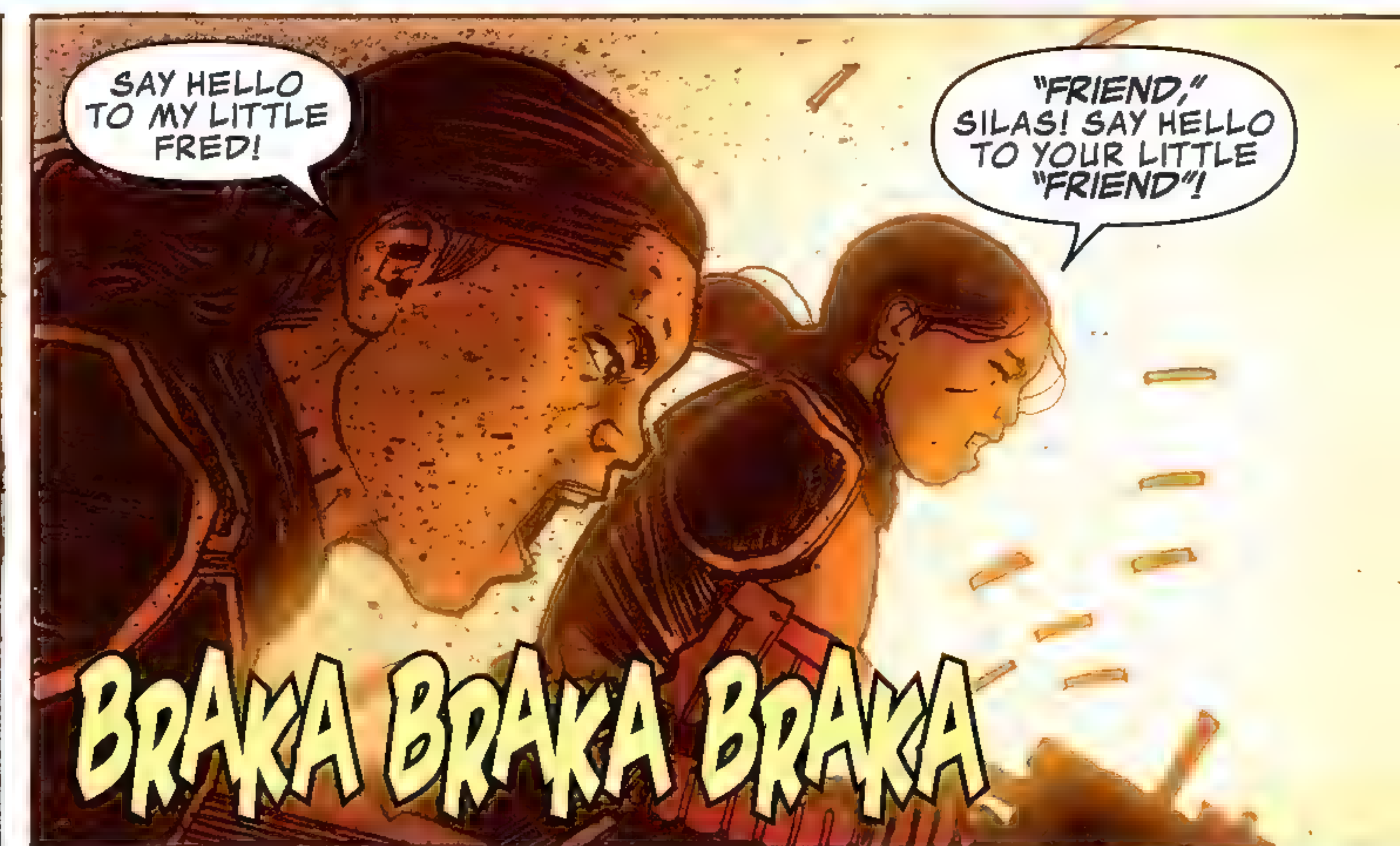
...THERE'S A
SURPLUS OF
ASS TO KICK!



THIS
DOESN'T LOOK
GOOD!

I CAN'T
HEAR YOU,
FRANK!

VROOOM



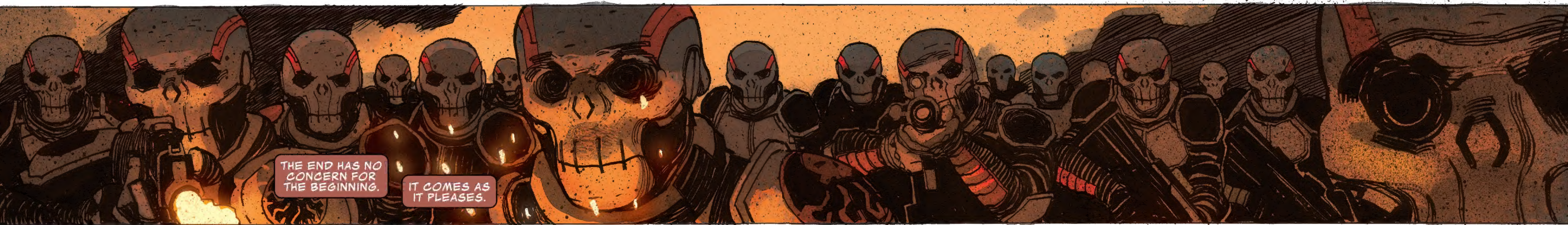
SAY HELLO
TO MY LITTLE
FRED!

"FRIEND,"
SILAS! SAY HELLO
TO YOUR LITTLE
"FRIEND!"

BRAKA BRAKA BRAKA



THE END NEVER
COMES THE WAY
WE THINK IT WILL.



THE END HAS NO CONCERN FOR THE BEGINNING.

IT COMES AS IT PLEASES.



IS THAT ALL YOU GOT--CAUSE WHEELS WOLINSKI HAS GOT MORE!

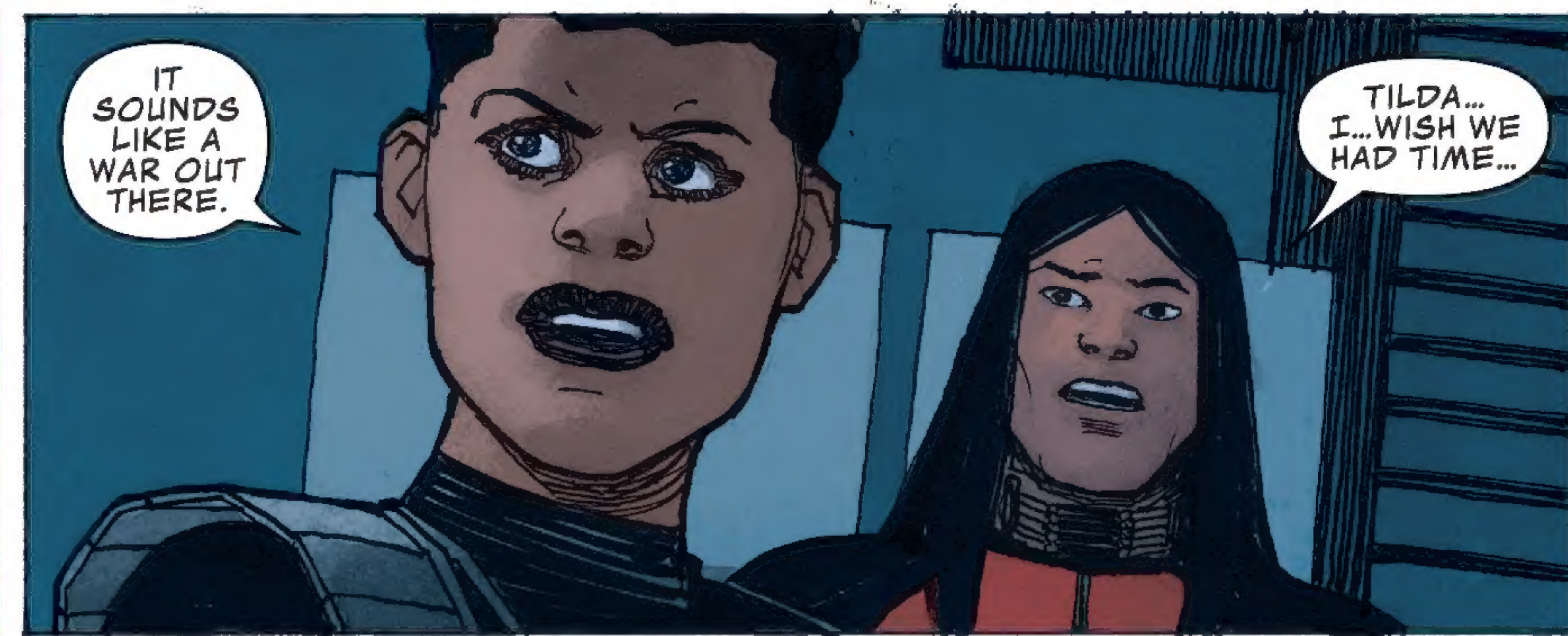


TAKE THIS AND GO!



HAIL THIS, HYDRA!

BLAM BLAM BLAM



IT SOUNDS LIKE A WAR OUT THERE.

TILDA... I... WISH WE HAD TIME...



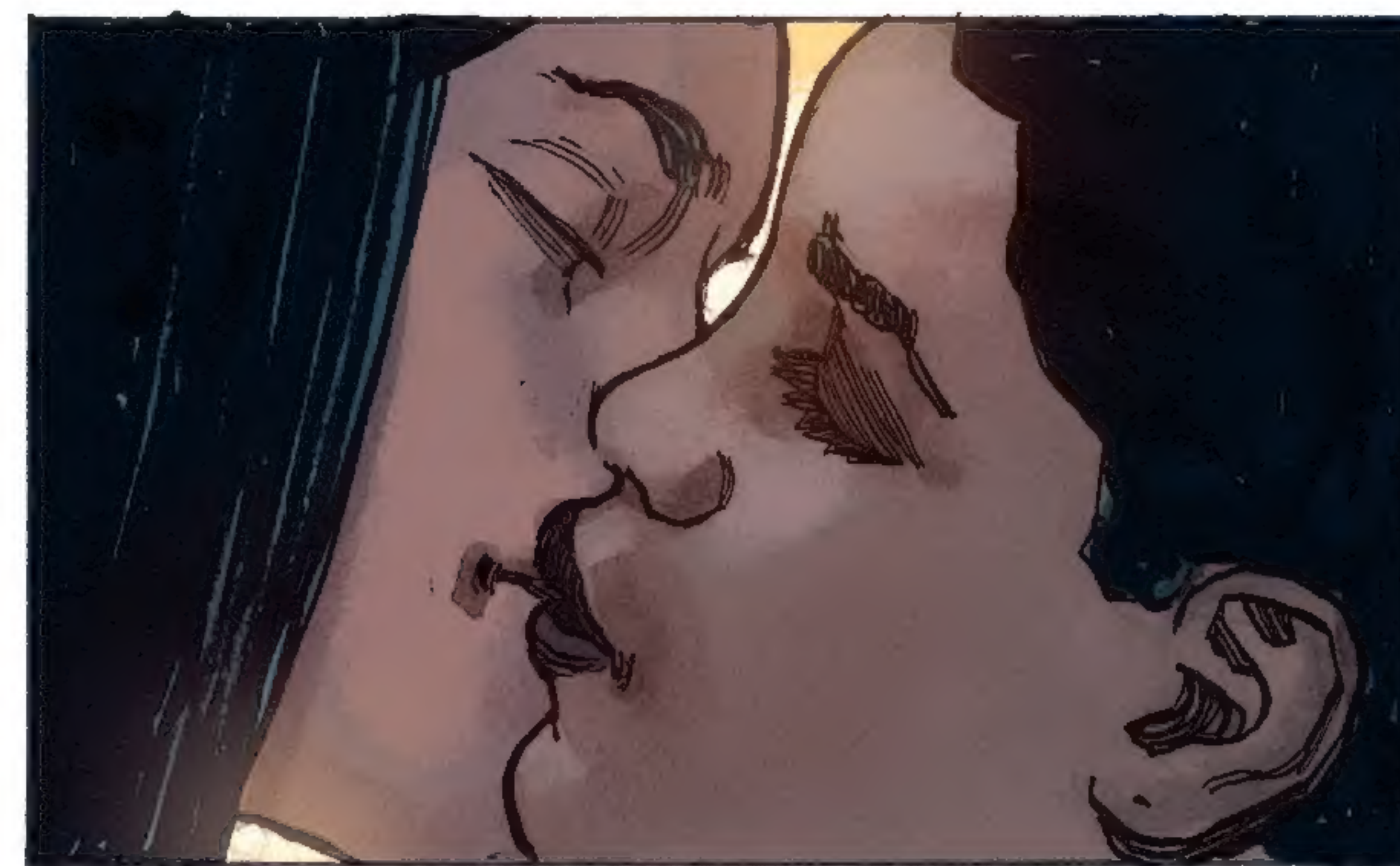
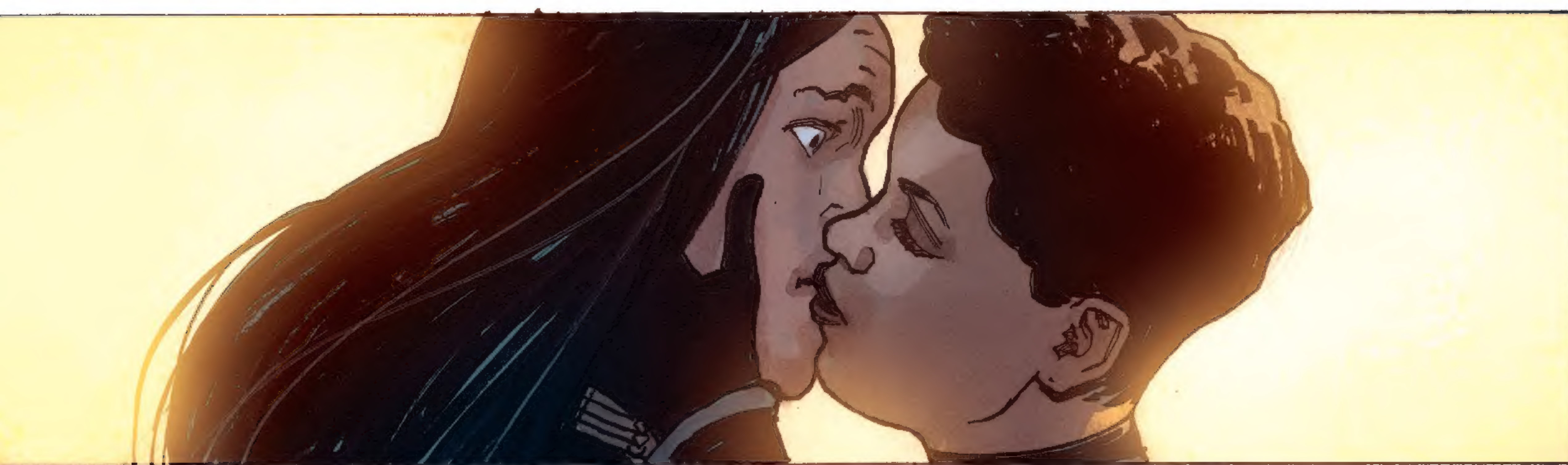
"...TIME ALONE. YOU AND I."

"JUST A MOMENT."



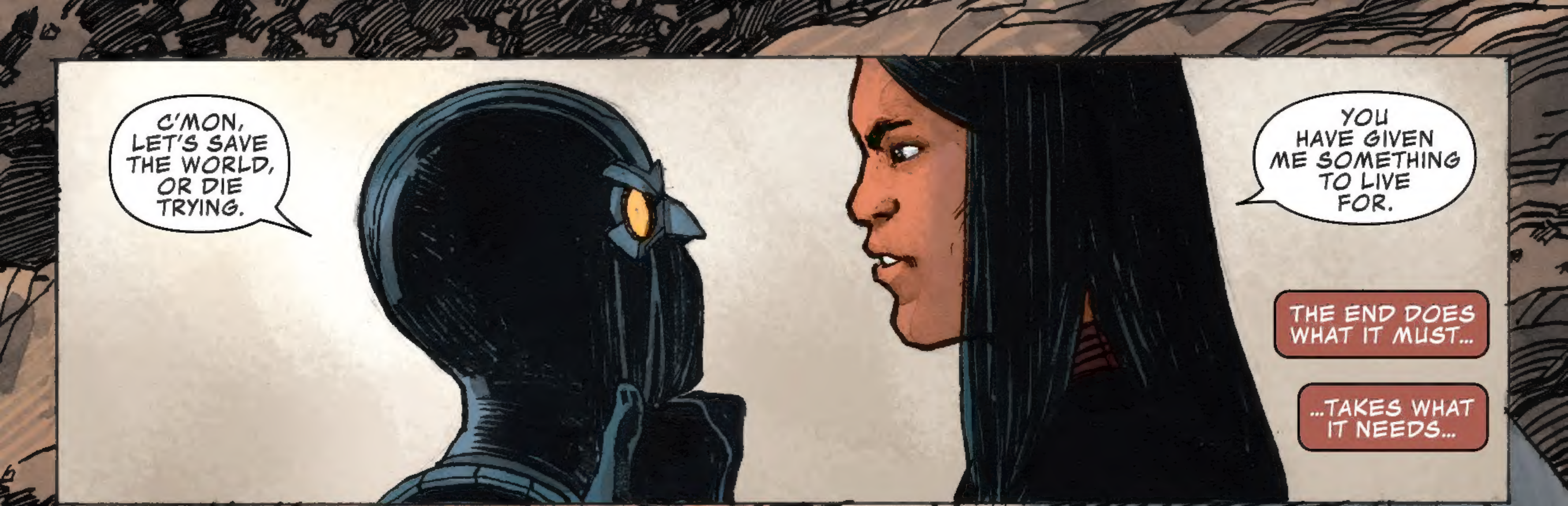
I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO DO MORE THAN FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE.

WOLF... WAIT...



WE LIVE THROUGH THIS, AND THERE'S MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM.

MUCH MORE.



C'MON,
LET'S SAVE
THE WORLD,
OR DIE
TRYING.

YOU
HAVE GIVEN
ME SOMETHING
TO LIVE
FOR.

THE END DOES
WHAT IT MUST...

...TAKES WHAT
IT NEEDS...

...AND BRINGS WITH IT
A NEW BEGINNING.



TIME
TO KICK SOME
ASS.

THE END!

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